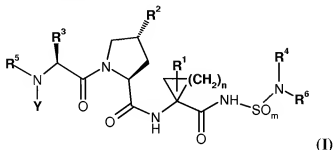


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:



wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is 1 or 2;

R¹ is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, or (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, wherein each of said (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, or (C₂₋₆)alkynyl are optionally substituted with from one to three halogen atoms;

R² is selected from -CH₂-R²⁰, -NH-R²⁰, -O-R²⁰, -S-R²⁰, -SO-R²⁰, -SO₂-R²⁰, -CH₂O-R²⁰, and -O-X-R²⁰, wherein

X is (C₂₋₃)alkenyl, (C₂₋₃)alkynyl, or (C₁₋₃)alkyl; and

R²⁰ is (C₆ or C₁₀)aryl or **Het**, wherein said (C₆ or C₁₀)aryl or **Het** is optionally substituted with **R²⁰⁰**; wherein

R²⁰⁰ is one to four substituents each independently selected from H, halogen, cyano, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl, **Het**, oxo, thioxo, -OR²⁰¹, -SR²⁰¹, -SOR²⁰¹, -SO₂R²⁰¹, -N(R²⁰²)R²⁰¹, and -CON(R²⁰²)R²⁰¹; wherein each of said alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and **Het** is optionally further substituted with **R²⁰⁰⁰**;

R²⁰¹ in each case is independently selected from H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, aryl, -CO-(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -CO-O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, wherein each of said alkyl and aryl

- is optionally further substituted with R^{2000} ;
- R^{202} in each case is independently selected from H and (C_{1-6}) alkyl;
- R^{2000} in each case is one to three substituents each independently selected from halogen, aryl, **Het**, $-OR^{2001}$, $-SR^{2001}$, $-SOR^{2001}$, $-SO_2R^{2001}$, cyano, $-N(R^{2002})(R^{2001})$, and R^{2003} , wherein said aryl and **Het** are optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents each independently selected from (C_{1-6}) alkyl and $-O-(C_{1-6})$ alkyl;
- R^{2001} in each case is independently selected from aryl, aryl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl-, $-C(O)-R^{2003}$, $-C(O)O-R^{2003}$, $-CON(R^{2002})(R^{2004})$ and R^{2004} ;
- R^{2002} in each case is independently selected from H and (C_{1-6}) alkyl;
- R^{2003} in each case is independently selected from (C_{1-8}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl and (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-4}) alkyl-, wherein said (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl and (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-4}) alkyl- are each optionally substituted with one to three substituents each independently selected from (C_{1-3}) alkyl; and
- R^{2004} in each case is independently selected from H and R^{2003} ;
- R^3 is (C_{1-8}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, halogen, cyano, $-OR^{30}$, $-SR^{30}$, $-C(=O)OR^{30}$, $-C(=O)NH_2$, $-C(=O)NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-C(=O)N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$, aryl, and aryl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl-, wherein R^{30} is H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, aryl, or aryl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl-;
- R^5 is selected from **B**, $B-C(=O)-$, $B-O-C(=O)-$, $B-N(R^{51})-C(=O)-$; $B-N(R^{51})-C(=S)-$, $B-SO_2-$ and $B-N(R^{51})-SO_2-$; wherein **B** is selected from:
- (C_{1-10}) alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from $-COOH$, $-COO(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-OH$, halogen, $-OC(=O)(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-O(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-NH_2$, $-NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$, $-C(=O)NH_2$, $-C(=O)NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl and $-C(=O)N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$;
 - (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-4}) alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently

from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halogen, -COOH, -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;

- (iii) aryl or aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;
- (iv) **Het** or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂; and
- (v) (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, or (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogens; and wherein

R⁵¹ is selected from H and (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

provided that B is not (C₁₋₁₀)alkyl unsubstituted when **R**⁵ is B-O-C(=O)-;

Y is H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

R⁴ and **R**⁶ are each independently selected from H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl, **Het**, and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-; wherein said (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- are each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -CO-NH₂, -CO-NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -CO-N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -COOH, and -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl; or

R⁴ and **R**⁶ are linked, together with the nitrogen to which they are bonded, to form a 3- to 7-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle optionally fused to at least one other cycle to form a heteropolycycle, each of said heterocycle and heteropolycycle optionally containing from one to three additional heteroatoms each independently selected from N, S and O, and each of said heterocycle and

heteropolycycle being optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -CO-NH₂, -CO-NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -CO-N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -COOH, and -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

with the proviso that when:

R⁵ is **B-O-C(=O)-** or **B-N(R⁵¹)-C(=O)-**, wherein

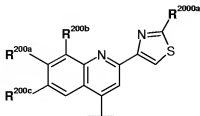
R⁵¹ is H; and

B is selected from (C₁₋₁₀)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, and (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl,

- a) wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkyl-alkyl are optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted with (C₁₋₃)alkyl; and
 - b) wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkyl-alkyl are optionally mono- or di-substituted with substituents selected from hydroxy and O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl; and
 - c) wherein each of said alkyl groups may be mono-, di- or tri-substituted with halogen; and
 - d) wherein in each of said cycloalkyl groups being 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-membered, one (for the 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-membered) or two (for the 5-, 6- or 7-membered) -CH₂-groups not directly linked to each other may be replaced by -O- to provide a heterocycle, such that the O-atom is linked to the -O-C(=O) or -N(R⁵¹)-C(=O) group via at least two carbon atoms; and
- R²** is O-R²⁰;

then

R²⁰ cannot be



wherein

R^{200a} is H, halogen, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, $-OH$, $-O-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, $-NH_2$, $-NH(C_{1-4})$ alkyl or $-N((C_{1-4})alkyl)_2$;

R^{200b} , R^{200c} are each independently halogen, cyano, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, $-O-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, $-S-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, $-SO-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, or $-SO_2-(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, wherein each of said alkyl groups is optionally substituted with from one to three halogen atoms; and either R^{200b} or R^{200c} (but not both at the same time) may also be H; or

R^{200a} and R^{200b} or

R^{200a} and R^{200c} may be covalently bonded to form, together with the two C-atoms to which they are linked, a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring wherein one or two $-CH_2$ -groups not being directly linked to each other may be replaced each independently by $-O-$ or NR^a wherein R^a is H or (C_{1-4}) alkyl, and wherein said carbo- or heterocyclic ring is optionally mono- or di-substituted with (C_{1-4}) alkyl; and

R^{2000a} is R^{2003} , $-N(R^{2002})COR^{2003}$, $-N(R^{2002})COOR^{2003}$, $-N(R^{2002})(R^{2004})$, or $-N(R^{2002})CON(R^{2002})(R^{2004})$, wherein

R^{2002} is H or methyl;

R^{2003} is (C_{1-8}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-4}) alkyl-, wherein said (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl and (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-4}) alkyl- are optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with (C_{1-3}) alkyl; and

R^{2004} is H or R^{2003} ;

wherein **Het** is defined as a 3- to 7-membered heterocycle having 1 to 4 heteroatoms each independently selected from O, N and S, which may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic, and which is optionally fused to at least one other cycle to form a 4- to 14-membered heteropolycycle having wherever possible 1 to 5 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, N and S, said heteropolycycle being saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

or a diastereomer thereof or a salt thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
- n** is 1 or 2;
- m** is 1 or 2;
- R¹** is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, or (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, wherein each of said (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, or (C₂₋₆)alkynyl are optionally substituted with from one to three halogen atoms;
- R²** is selected from -CH₂-R²⁰, -NH-R²⁰, -O-R²⁰, -S-R²⁰, -SO-R²⁰, -SO₂-R²⁰, -CH₂O-R²⁰, and -O-X-R²⁰, wherein
- X** is (C₂₋₃)alkenyl, (C₂₋₃)alkynyl, or (C₁₋₃)alkyl; and
- R²⁰** is (C₆ or C₁₀)aryl or **Het**, wherein said (C₆ or C₁₀)aryl or **Het** is optionally substituted with **R²⁰⁰**; wherein
- R²⁰⁰** is one to four substituents each independently selected from H, halogen, cyano, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl, **Het**, oxo, thioxo, -OR²⁰¹, -SR²⁰¹, -SOR²⁰¹, -SO₂R²⁰¹, -N(R²⁰²)R²⁰¹, and -CON(R²⁰²)R²⁰¹; wherein each of said alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and **Het** is optionally further substituted with **R²⁰⁰⁰**;
- R²⁰¹** in each case is independently selected from H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, aryl, -CO-(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -CO-O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, wherein each of said alkyl and aryl is optionally further substituted with **R²⁰⁰⁰**;
- R²⁰²** in each case is independently selected from H and (C₁₋₆)alkyl;
- R²⁰⁰⁰** in each case is one to three substituents each independently selected from halogen, aryl, **Het**, -OR²⁰⁰¹, -SR²⁰⁰¹, -SOR²⁰⁰¹, -SO₂R²⁰⁰¹, cyano, -N(R²⁰⁰³)(R²⁰⁰¹), and R²⁰⁰³, wherein said aryl and **Het** are optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl and -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl;
- R²⁰⁰¹** in each case is independently selected from aryl, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, -C(O)-R²⁰⁰³, -C(O)O-R²⁰⁰³, -CON(R²⁰⁰²)(R²⁰⁰⁴) and **R²⁰⁰⁴**;

- R²⁰⁰²** in each case is independently selected from H and (C₁₋₆)alkyl;
- R²⁰⁰³** in each case is independently selected from (C₁₋₈)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl and (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl-, wherein said (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl and (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl- are each optionally substituted with one to three substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₃)alkyl; and
- R²⁰⁰⁴** in each case is independently selected from H and **R²⁰⁰³**;
- R³** is (C₁₋₈)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl or (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, halogen, cyano, -OR³⁰, -SR³⁰, -C(=O)OR³⁰, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, aryl, and aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, wherein **R³⁰** is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, aryl, or aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl-;
- R⁵** is selected from **B**, **B-C(=O)-**, **B-O-C(=O)-**, **B-N(R⁵¹)-C(=O)-**; **B-N(R⁵¹)-C(=S)-**, **B-SO₂-** and **B-N(R⁵¹)-SO₂-**; wherein **B** is selected from:
- (i) (C₁₋₁₀)alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from -COOH, -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, halogen, -OC(=O)(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;
 - (ii) (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, or (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halogen, -COOH, -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;
 - (iii) aryl or aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;
 - (iv) **Het** or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, -NH₂,

-NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and
-C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂; and

- (v) (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, or (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3
halogens; and wherein

R⁵¹ is selected from H and (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

provided that B is not (C₁₋₁₀)alkyl unsubstituted when **R⁵** is B-O-C(=O)-;

Y is H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

R⁴ and **R⁶** are each independently selected from H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl,
(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl, **Het**, and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-;
wherein said (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl,
(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- are each optionally
substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from
halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl,
-N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -CO-NH₂, -CO-NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -CO-N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -COOH, and
-COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl; or

R⁴ and **R⁶** are linked, together with the nitrogen to which they are bonded, to form a 3- to
7-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle optionally fused to
at least one other cycle to form a heteropolycycle, each of said heterocycle and
heteropolycycle optionally containing from one to three additional heteroatoms
each independently selected from N, S and O, and each of said heterocycle and
heteropolycycle being optionally substituted with one or more substituents each
independently selected from halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl,
-NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -CO-NH₂, -CO-NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl,
-CO-N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -COOH, and -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

with the proviso that when:

R⁵ is B-O-C(=O)- or B-N(**R⁵¹**)-C(=O)-, wherein

R⁵¹ is H; and

B is selected from (C₁₋₁₀)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, and (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl,

- a) wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkyl-alkyl are optionally mono-,

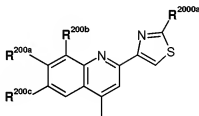
di- or tri-substituted with (C₁₋₃)alkyl; and

- b) wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkyl-alkyl are optionally mono- or di-substituted with substituents selected from hydroxy and O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl; and
- c) wherein each of said alkyl groups may be mono-, di- or tri-substituted with halogen; and
- d) wherein in each of said cycloalkyl groups being 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-membered, one (for the 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-membered) or two (for the 5-, 6- or 7-membered) -CH₂-groups not directly linked to each other may be replaced by -O- to provide a heterocycle, such that the O-atom is linked to the -O-C(=O) or -N(R⁵¹)-C(=O) group via at least two carbon atoms; and

R² is O-R²⁰;

then

R²⁰ cannot be



wherein

R^{200a} is H, halogen, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, -OH, -O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl or -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂;

R^{200b}, **R^{200c}** are each independently halogen, cyano, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -S-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -SO-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, or -SO₂-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, wherein each of said alkyl groups is optionally substituted with from one to three halogen atoms; and either **R^{200b}** or **R^{200c}** (but not both at the same time) may also be H; or

R^{200a} and **R^{200b}** or

R^{200a} and **R^{200c}** may be covalently bonded to form, together with the two C-atoms to which they are linked, a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring wherein one

or two -CH₂-groups not being directly linked to each other may be replaced each independently by -O- or NR^a wherein R^a is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, and wherein said carbo- or heterocyclic ring is optionally mono- or di-substituted with (C₁₋₄)alkyl; and

R^{2000a} is R²⁰⁰³, -N(R²⁰⁰²)COR²⁰⁰³, -N(R²⁰⁰²)COOR²⁰⁰³, -N(R²⁰⁰²)(R²⁰⁰⁴), or -N(R²⁰⁰²)CON(R²⁰⁰²)(R²⁰⁰⁴), wherein

R²⁰⁰² is H or methyl;

R²⁰⁰³ is (C₁₋₈)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl or (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl-, wherein said (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl and (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl- are optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with (C₁₋₃)alkyl; and

R²⁰⁰⁴ is H or R²⁰⁰³;

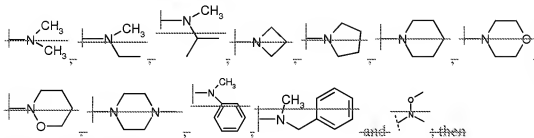
and with the further proviso that when:

R⁵ is B-O-C(=O)- and B is selected from methyl and 1,1 dimethylethyl; and

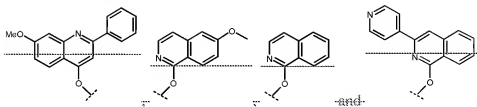
R³ is 1,1 dimethylethyl; and

R⁴ is ethenyl; and

the group N(R⁴)R⁵ is selected from:



R² is not selected from:



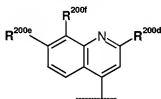
wherein Het is defined as a 3- to 7-membered heterocycle having 1 to 4 heteroatoms each independently selected from O, N and S, which may be saturated, unsaturated or

aromatic, and which is optionally fused to at least one other cycle to form a 4- to 14-membered heteropolycycle having wherever possible 1 to 5 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, N and S, said heteropolycycle being saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

or a diastereomer thereof or a salt thereof.

3. **(Currently amended)** The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^5 is selected from $B-C(=O)-$, $B-O-C(=O)-$, and $B-N(R^{51})-C(=O)-$; wherein B and R^{51} are defined as in claim 1, provided that B is not (C_{1-10}) alkyl unsubstituted when R^5 is $B-O-C(=O)-$.
4. **(Currently Amended)** The compound according to claim 3 wherein R^{51} is H and B is selected from:
- (i) (C_{1-7}) alkyl optionally substituted with one or two or three substituents each independently selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo, hydroxy, methoxy and ethoxy; or optionally substituted with $-COOCH_3$;
 - (ii) (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl-methyl-, each optionally substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from methyl, ethyl, hydroxy, methoxy and ethoxy;
 - (iii) benzyl; and
 - (iv) **Het**, wherein **Het** comprises a 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-membered heterocycle having one to four heteroatoms each independently selected from O, N, and S, which may be saturated or unsaturated or aromatic;
provided that B is not (C_{1-7}) alkyl unsubstituted when R^5 is $B-O-C(=O)-$.
5. **(Previously presented)** The compound according to claim 1 wherein Y is H.

6. **(Previously presented)** The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^3 is (C_{1-8}) alkyl or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, the (C_{1-8}) alkyl being optionally substituted with hydroxy, (C_{1-6}) alkoxy or $-C(=O)OR^{30}$, wherein R^{30} is (C_{1-6}) alkyl or aryl (C_{1-6}) alkyl-.
7. **(Previously presented)** The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^2 is selected from $-O-R^{20}$, $-S-R^{20}$, and $-O-X-R^{20}$, wherein R^{20} and X are defined as in claim 1.
8. **(Original)** The compound according to claim 7 wherein R^2 is $-O-X-R^{20}$, wherein X is (C_3) alkynyl and R^{20} is $(C_6$ or $C_{10})$ aryl.
9. **(Original)** The compound according to claim 7 wherein R^2 is $-O-R^{20}$, wherein R^{20} is



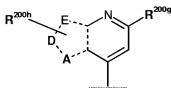
wherein

R^{200d} is $-OR^{201}$, wherein R^{201} is (C_{1-6}) alkyl;

R^{200e} is H or $-OR^{201}$, wherein R^{201} is (C_{1-6}) alkyl; and

R^{200f} is (C_{1-6}) alkyl, halogen, $-SR^{201}$, $-SO_2R^{201}$, or $-OR^{201}$, wherein R^{201} is (C_{1-6}) alkyl optionally further substituted with (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl or phenyl.

10. **(Original)** The compound according to claim 9 wherein R^{200d} is $-OR^{201}$ wherein R^{201} is ethyl.
11. **(Original)** The compound according to claim 7 wherein R^2 is $-O-R^{20}$, wherein R^{20} is



wherein

one of **A**, **D**, and **E** represents a S atom and the other two of **A**, **D**, and **E** represent C atoms;

---- represents a single bond between a C atom and an S atom, and represents a single bond or a double bond between two C atoms; provided that each C atom is bonded by one double bond;

R^{200g} is H or -OR²⁰¹, wherein **R**²⁰¹ is (C₁₋₆)alkyl or (C₂₋₆)alkenyl; and

R^{200h} is one or two substituents each independently selected from H, cyano, (C₁₋₆)alkyl and -SO₂-(C₁₋₆)alkyl; wherein each **R**^{200h} is bonded to a C atom which would otherwise bear a hydrogen atom.

12. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein **n** is 1.
13. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein **R**¹ is (C₂₋₆)alkenyl or (C₂₋₆)alkyl.
14. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein **m** is 2.
15. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein:
- (i) **R**⁴ and **R**⁶ are each independently selected from H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-; wherein said (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- are each optionally substituted with one to three substituents each independently selected from halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -COOH, and -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl; or
 - (ii) **R**⁴ and **R**⁶ are linked, together with the nitrogen to which they are bonded, to form a 3- to 7-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle, said heterocycle optionally containing from one to three additional heteroatoms each independently selected from N, S and O, and said 3- to 7-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle being optionally substituted with one to three

substituents each independently selected from halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -COOH, and -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl.

16. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein:

n is 1 or 2;

m is 1 or 2;

R¹ is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, or (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, wherein said (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, or (C₂₋₆)alkynyl are optionally substituted with from one to three halogen atoms;

R² is selected from -CH₂-**R²⁰**, -NH-**R²⁰**, -O-**R²⁰**, -S-**R²⁰**, -SO-**R²⁰**, -SO₂-**R²⁰**, -CH₂O-**R²⁰**, and -O-X-**R²⁰**, wherein

X is (C₂₋₃)alkenyl, (C₂₋₃)alkynyl, or (C₁₋₃)alkyl; and

R²⁰ is (C₆ or C₁₀)aryl or **Het**, wherein said (C₆ or C₁₀)aryl or **Het** is optionally mono-, di-, tri- or tetra-substituted with **R²⁰⁰**, wherein each **R²⁰⁰** is independently selected from H, halogen, cyano, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl, **Het**, oxo, thioxo, -OR²⁰¹, -SR²⁰¹, -SOR²⁰¹, -SO₂R²⁰¹, -N(R²⁰²)R²⁰¹, and -CON(R²⁰²)R²⁰¹; wherein each of said alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and **Het** is optionally further substituted with **R²⁰⁰⁰**;

R²⁰¹ in each case is independently selected from H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, aryl, -CO-(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -CO-O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, wherein each of said alkyl and aryl is optionally further substituted with **R²⁰⁰⁰**;

R²⁰² is H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

R²⁰⁰⁰ is one to three substituents each independently selected from halogen, aryl, **Het**, -OR²⁰⁰¹, -SR²⁰⁰¹, -SOR²⁰⁰¹, -SO₂R²⁰⁰¹, cyano, -N(R²⁰⁰²)(R²⁰⁰¹), and **R²⁰⁰³**, wherein said aryl and **Het** are optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl and -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

R²⁰⁰¹ in each case is independently selected from aryl, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, -C(O)-

R^{2003} , $-C(O)O-R^{2003}$, $-CON(R^{2002})(R^{2004})$ and R^{2004} ;

R^{2002} is H or (C_{1-6}) alkyl;

R^{2003} is (C_{1-8}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-4}) alkyl-, wherein said (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl and (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-4}) alkyl- are optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with (C_{1-3}) alkyl; and

R^{2004} is H or R^{2003} ;

R^3 is (C_{1-8}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-3}) alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, halogen, cyano, $-OR^{30}$, $-SR^{30}$, $-C(=O)OR^{30}$, $-C(=O)NH_2$, $-C(=O)NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $C(=O)N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$, aryl, and aryl (C_{1-6}) alkyl-, wherein R^{30} is H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, aryl, or aryl (C_{1-6}) alkyl-;

R^5 is selected from **B**, **B-C(=O)-**, **B-O-C(=O)-**, **B-N(R^{51})-C(=O)-**; **B-N(R^{51})-C(=S)-**, **B-SO₂-** and **B-N(R^{51})-SO₂-**; wherein **B** is selected from:

- (i) (C_{1-10}) alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from $-COOH$, $-COO(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-OH$, halogen, $-OC(=O)(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-O(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-NH_2$, $-NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$, $-C(=O)NH_2$, $-C(=O)NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl and $-C(=O)N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$;
- (ii) (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, or (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-4}) alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from (C_{1-6}) alkyl, halogen, $-COOH$, $-COO(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-OH$, $-O(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-NH_2$, $-NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$, $-C(=O)NH_2$, $-C(=O)NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl and $C(=O)N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$;
- (iii) aryl or aryl (C_{1-6}) alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from (C_{1-6}) alkyl, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl, $-N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$, $-C(=O)NH_2$, $-C(=O)NH(C_{1-6})$ alkyl and $C(=O)N((C_{1-6})alkyl)_2$;
- (iv) **Het** or **Het**- (C_{1-6}) alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from (C_{1-6}) alkyl, $-OH$, $-NH_2$,

-NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂; and

- (v) (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, or (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogens; and wherein

R⁵¹ is selected from H and (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

provided that B is not (C₁₋₁₀)alkyl unsubstituted, when **R**⁵ is B-O-C(=O)-;

Y is H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

R⁴ and **R**⁶ are each independently selected from H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl, **Het**, and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-; wherein said (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- are optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -CO-NH₂, -CO-NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -CO-N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -COOH, and -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl; or

R⁴ and **R**⁶ are linked, together with the nitrogen to which they are bonded, to form a 3- to 7-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle optionally fused to at least one other cycle to form a heteropolycycle, said heterocycle and heteropolycycle optionally containing from one to three further heteroatoms independently selected from N, S and O, and said 3- to 7-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle being optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -CO-NH₂, -CO-NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -CO-N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂, -COOH, and -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

with the proviso that when:

R⁵ is B-O-C(=O)- or B-N(**R**⁵¹)-C(=O)-, wherein

R⁵¹ is H; and

B is selected from (C₁₋₁₀)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, and (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl,

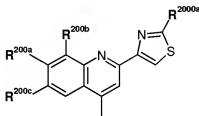
- a) wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkyl-alkyl are optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted with (C₁₋₃)alkyl; and

- b) wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkyl-alkyl are optionally mono- or di-substituted with substituents selected from hydroxy and O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl; and
- c) wherein each of said alkyl groups may be mono-, di- or tri-substituted with halogen; and
- d) wherein in each of said cycloalkyl groups being 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-membered, one (for the 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-membered) or two (for the 5-, 6- or 7-membered) -CH₂-groups not directly linked to each other may be replaced by -O- to provide a heterocycle, such that the O-atom is linked to the -O-C(=O) or -N(R⁵¹)-C(=O) group via at least two carbon atoms; and

R² is O-R²⁰;

then

R²⁰ cannot be



wherein

R^{200a} is H, halogen, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, -OH, -O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl or -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂;

R^{200b}, **R^{200c}** are each independently halogen, cyano, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -S-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -SO-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, or -SO₂-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, wherein each of said alkyl groups is optionally substituted with from one to three halogen atoms; and either **R^{200b}** or **R^{200c}** (but not both at the same time) may also be H; or

R^{200a} and **R^{200b}** or

R^{200a} and **R^{200c}** may be covalently bonded to form, together with the two C-atoms to which they are linked, a 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring wherein one or two -CH₂-groups not being directly linked to each other may be

replaced each independently by -O- or NR^a wherein R^a is H or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, and wherein said carbo- or heterocyclic ring is optionally mono- or di-substituted with (C₁₋₄)alkyl; and

R^{2000a} is R²⁰⁰³, -N(R²⁰⁰²)COR²⁰⁰³, -N(R²⁰⁰²)COOR²⁰⁰³, -N(R²⁰⁰²)(R²⁰⁰⁴), or -N(R²⁰⁰²)CON(R²⁰⁰²)(R²⁰⁰⁴), wherein

R²⁰⁰² is H or methyl;

R²⁰⁰³ is (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl or (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl-, wherein said (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl and (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl- are optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with (C₁₋₃)alkyl; and

R²⁰⁰⁴ is H or R²⁰⁰³;

wherein **Het** is defined as a 3- to 7-membered heterocycle having 1 to 4 heteroatoms each independently selected from O, N and S, which may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic, and which is optionally fused to at least one other cycle to form a 4- to 14-membered heteropolycycle having wherever possible 1 to 5 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, N and S, said heteropolycycle being saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

or a diastereomer thereof or a salt thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein:

R⁵ is selected from B-C(=O)-, B-O-C(=O)-, and B-NH-C(=O)-; wherein B is selected from:

- (i) (C₁₋₁₀)alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from -COOH, -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, halogen, -OC(=O)(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;
- (ii) (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, or (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents each selected independently from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halogen,

- COOH, -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl,
 -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;
 (iii) aryl or aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents
 each selected independently from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl,
 -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;
 (iv) **Het** or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, each optionally substituted with one or more substituents
 each selected independently from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OH, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl,
 -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -C(=O)N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;

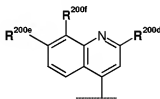
provided that B is not (C₁₋₁₀)alkyl unsubstituted, when R⁵ is B-O-C(=O)-;

Y is H;

R³ is (C₁₋₈)alkyl or (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, each of which are optionally substituted with one
 or more substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -OR³⁰, and
 -C(=O)OR³⁰, wherein **R³⁰** is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, or aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl-;

R² is -O-X-R²⁰, wherein **X** is (C₃)alkynyl and **R²⁰** is (C₆ or C₁₀)aryl; or

R² is -O-R²⁰ wherein **R²⁰** is



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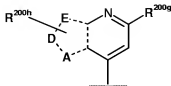
R^{200d} is -OR²⁰¹, wherein **R²⁰¹** is (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

R^{200e} is H or -OR²⁰¹, wherein **R²⁰¹** is (C₁₋₆)alkyl; and

R^{200f} is (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halogen, -SR²⁰¹, -SO₂R²⁰¹, or -OR²⁰¹, wherein **R²⁰¹** is

(C₁₋₆)alkyl optionally further substituted with (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl or phenyl;

or **R²⁰** is



wherein

one of **A**, **D**, and **E** represents a S atom and the other two of **A**, **D**, and **E** represent C atoms;

---- represents a single bond between a C atom and an S atom, and represents a single bond or a double bond between two C atoms; provided that each C atom is bonded by one double bond;

R^{200g} is H or -OR²⁰¹, wherein **R**²⁰¹ is (C₁₋₆)alkyl or (C₂₋₆)alkenyl; and

R^{200h} is one or two substituents each independently selected from H, cyano, (C₁₋₆)alkyl and -SO₂-(C₁₋₆)alkyl; wherein each **R**^{200h} is bonded to a C atom which would otherwise bear a hydrogen atom;

R¹ is (C₂₋₆)alkenyl or (C₂₋₆)alkyl;

n is 1;

m is 2; and

R⁴ and **R**⁶ are each independently selected from H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-; wherein said (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl and aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- are optionally substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -COOH, and -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl; or

R⁴ and **R**⁶ are linked, together with the nitrogen to which they are bonded, to form a 3- to 7-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle, said heterocycle optionally containing from one to three further heteroatoms each independently selected from N, S and O, and said 3- to 7-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle being optionally substituted with one to three substituents each independently selected from halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂-, -COOH, and -COO(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

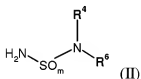
or a diastereomer thereof or a salt thereof.

18. **(Previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising an anti-hepatitis C virally effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier medium or auxiliary agent.
19. **(Original)** The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 18 additionally comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one other antiviral agent.
20. **(Withdrawn)** A method of treating or preventing a hepatitis C viral infection in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal an anti-hepatitis C virally effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition comprising said compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier medium or auxiliary agent.
21. – 22. **(Canceled)**
23. **(Withdrawn)** A method of inhibiting the replication of hepatitis C virus by exposing the virus to a hepatitis C viral NS3 protease inhibiting amount of the compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
24. **(Canceled)**

25. **(Previously Presented)** An article of manufacture comprising a composition effective to treat an HCV infection or to inhibit the NS3 protease of HCV; and packaging material comprising a label which indicates that the composition can be used to treat infection by the hepatitis C virus; wherein the composition comprises a compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier medium or auxiliary agent .

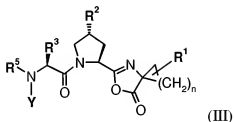
26. **(Previously Presented)** A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1, comprising:

a) reacting a compound of formula (II):



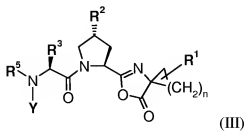
wherein R^4 , R^6 and m are defined as in claim 1, with a strong base so as to form the corresponding amide anion and

b) reacting an azalactone of formula (III):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^5 , Y and n are defined as in claim 1, with the amide anion formed in step a).

27. (Original) An azalactone intermediate compound of formula (III):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^5 , Y and n are defined as in claim 1.

28. (Canceled)